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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 0960

FROM USLOK

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TAGS: MASS, KU  
SUBJECT: STATUS OF I-HAWK/A4 PROGRAMS IN KUWAIT

REF: USCINCEUR 021530Z FEB 78 (NOTAL)

1. PER REFTEL, SUMMARY OF STATUS OF SUBJECT PROGRAMS FOLLOWS:

A. I-HAWK PROGRAM:

(1) DELIVERY SCHEDULE

(A) 1ST BATTERY - ARRIVED KUWAIT 7 JAN 78

(B) 2ND BATTERY - DUE MAY 78

(C) 3RD BATTERY - DUE AUG 78

(D) 4TH BATTERY - DUE NOV 78

(2) PROGRESS OF 1ST BATTERY

(A) BATTERY CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN TEMPORARY/TRAINING  
LOCATION. WORK ON FIRST TACTICAL SITE HAS STARTED WITH ESTI-  
MATED COMPLETION IN FOUR MONTHS.

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(B) BATTERY SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND CHECKOUT PHASE  
NEARING COMPLETION. BATTERY SHOULD START OPERATIONAL TRAIN-  
ING O/A 18 FEB 78.

(3) PROBLEM OR POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS.

(A) SPARE PARTS SUPPORT FOR I-HAWK IS A POTENTIAL  
PROBLEM DUE TO THE PRIORITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE FAD IV  
DESIGNATED FOR KUWAIT AS WELL AS THE 8-11 MONTHS TURN

AROUND TIME ESTIMATED FOR THE REPAIR AND RETURN PROGRAM  
UNDER FMS CASE UEF.

(B) THE LACK OF A MAINTENANCE FACILITY IS DELAYING  
ORGANIZATION OF A MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY. THE FACILITY WAS  
CONTRACTED BY GOK ENGINEERS FOR COMPLETION IN JUNE 77 BUT  
THE BUILDING IS STILL AT LEAST 120 DAYS FROM COMPLETION.

(C) KADF HAS AN URGENT NEED TO BEGIN A REPLACEMENT  
TRAINING PROGRAM, BUT HAVE THUS FAR NOT FINALIZED THEIR  
REQUIREMENTS OR THEIR PLAN TO IDENTIFY AND OBTAIN CANDIDATES  
FOR THE PROGRAM.

B. A-4 PROGRAM:

(1) DELIVERY SCHEDULE

(A) 19 A-4KUS AND 2 TA-4KUS IN COUNTRY

(B) 2 A-4KUS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE EARLY MARCH

(C) DELIVERY OF REMAINING 13 A-4/TA4KU AIRCRAFT  
HAS BEEN DELAYED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD PENDING COMPLETION  
OF EXTENSIVE TEST PROGRAM TO DETERMINE CAUSE AND SOLUTION  
TO ENGINE STALL PROBLEM ON THESE AIRCRAFT.

(2) PROBLEM OR POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS.

(A) AIRCRAFT SPARES DELIVERED OR TO BE DELIVERED  
PROVIDE LOW (43 PERCENT) SATISFACTION OF MAINTENANCE DEMANDS.

(B) ALL GSE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS  
NOT YET AVAILABLE IN KUWAIT.

(C) NEW MAIN BASE RECENTLY OCCUPIED IS INCOMPLETE,  
TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS UNAVAILABLE.

(D) NO I-LEVEL REPAIR CAPABILITY FOR A-4 COMPONENTS  
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AVAILABLE IN KUWAIT.

(E) OVERALL EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF A-4 MAINTENANCE  
PERSONNEL IS LOW. MOST HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAINING  
IN CONUS. AIR OPS BEGAN ONLY 10 MONTHS AGO - APRIL 1977.

(F) DELIVERY DELAYS REGARDING REMAINING AIRCRAFT (PARA 2,  
A (3)) COULD RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT IF SOLUTION  
IS NOT FOUND WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. NAVY IS TOTALLY AWARE  
OF PROBLEM AND IS ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE IT EXPEDITIOUSLY.

2. IF ADDITIONAL INFO REQUIRED, PLEASE ADVISE.

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